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On page 7 I have cut out the

Subparagraph 1, 2 and 3 -- the insert -- and this will be a new insert will read as follows:

also see next page

insert the words -- in 1963 President Kennedy said with his characteristic eloquence and ~~simplicity~~ clarity in these words:

"We want to see a stable government there carrying on the struggle to maintain its national independence. We believe strongly in that. We're not going to withdraw from that effort. In my opinion for us to withdraw from that effort would mean a collapse not only of South Vietnam but Southeast Asia so we're going to stay there." +73

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on page 9 where I have done some scratching out put a period after the word -- forces -- as I have indicated -- withdrawing all forces. And then the next paragraph will read as follows: +10

I chose instead to change American policy on both the negotiating front and the battlefront. And then go on -- in order to end the war

(2) Still more ominous our defeat in South Vietnam would without question promote recklessness in the councils of those great powers who have not yet abandoned their goals of world conquest.

For these reasons I rejected the recommendation that I should end the war by immediately withdrawing all our forces, ~~and accepting an American defeat.~~

I chose instead to ~~change our policy in Vietnam from a war policy to a peace policy.~~ ~~adopt a change our~~ ~~By adopting a change in~~ policy on the negotiating front and on the battle front ~~in order~~ so that we could more quickly

1. In order to end a war fought on many fronts, I initiated a pursuit for a peace on many fronts.

(1) In a television speech on May 14, in a speech before the United Nations, and on a number of other occasions I set forth our peace proposals in great detail.

~~to achieve our goal of a just & lasting peace.~~